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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady with some caution to about steady. Demand into retail was light to fair, instances moderate, and food service was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully sufficient for present needs. In the parts structure, trading was most active for breast items with supplies adequate to close balanced. The remaining items were more than sufficient with light movement except where features were noted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cent to 58.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.25 cents last year on the 14th of October, 1998.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	151.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	59.50
LEG QUARTERS	20.00
WINGS	59.00

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### CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 10/09/99	1999	1998	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	167,526	170,494	-02
CHICKS PLACED	132,743	130,951	+01

### Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 168 million eggs during the week ending October 9, 1999. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 81 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 133 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 9, 1999. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1998. Cumulative placements from January 3, 1999, through October 9, 1999, were 5.74 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Nov-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 144.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 138.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.35 CENTS PER POUND.

**WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** The market tone was about steady. Offerings easily adequate for current needs. Buyers interest was fair. Demand for whole body light to moderate, fairly good for parts; best where featured. Floor stocks generally adequate.

**SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to moderate with some increase in interest reported. Supplies were in better balance to handle needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to closely cleared with fair to good movement, particularly bone-in and fronts. All other items were at least sufficient with fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mostly desirable.

**MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Whole fryer trade sentiment was about steady. Offerings on whole fryers were light but sufficient for trade needs. Movement into retail and food service channels was mixed, slow to fairly good with majority of food service fair to fairly good and retail light. Floor stocks were at least adequate with sizes desirable to instances heavy. Supplies of breast items were adequate with moderate clearing, balance of items adequate to ample with light trading reported. Retail features noted in Ohio on pick of the chick at \$.99, in Chicago leg quarters at 29 cents and clearing well, and in the St. Louis area, bone -in breasts featured at \$.79. The trade sentiment was steady to fully steady on breast items and steady at best on the balance of items.

**NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair. Offerings were mostly adequate for immediate needs. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate with some cautiousness noted. The market tone was steady. In the parts market, leg quarters were in close balance, all other items were at least adequate for the generally light to fair demand.

**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally no better fair. Seller offerings were fully sufficient, although sizes varied from plant to plant. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 48 to 60 cents. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, all items were at least adequate for the seasonally light to fair and mostly selective buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	47-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	51.77
NO. OF BOXES	8,856
*6 of 8 plants reporting.	

<b>SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS</b>				
ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	666	120.00-179.00	130-135	138.19
TENDERLOINS	97	145.00-180.00	145-150	152.94
BREAST - LINE RUN	128	67.00-73.00	67-68	69.34
FRONT HALVES	90	46.00-53.00	-	49.61
LEGS	88	23.00-33.00	23-24	23.91
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	389	14.00-18.00	14-16	15.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,018	16.00-20.00	18-19	19.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	119	57.00-59.50	57-58	57.46
WINGS (CUT)	427	61.00-77.00	64-66	64.93
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	91	50.00-68.00	-	52.97

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR OCTOBER 13, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>	<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>
30.00-35.50	32.47	31.45

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

#### **NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying interest was mixed, but mostly moderate overall. Offerings were sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was generally fair. The market tone was at least steady on bone-in breast. Leg quarters were in close balance to tight. The balance of items were cautiously steady.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	AVG**	WTD VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	141.15	479,920
TENDERLOINS	150	150.03	76,040
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	68.72	265,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	64.10	162,400
LEGS	25-26	28.44	207,440
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	17.41	498,494
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.24	138,200
THIGHS	18-19	27.68	123,080
B/S THIGHS	69-70	74.99	43,820
WINGS (WHOLE)	56-57	65.61	234,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.11	36,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	55-60	59.68	44,800
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	49.15	50,920

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### **ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG WTS</u>		<u>ACTUAL WTS</u>	
	10/13	10/12	10/11	10/08	10/11	10/08	10/06	10/04
ALA	3,820	3,802	3,898	4,317	5.27	5.23	3,727	5.24
ARK	5,034	5,846	5,224	6,123	5.35	4.94	5,181	4.90
DELMARVA	2,408	2,437	2,473	2,132	5.11	5.03	2,428	5.14
KY-LA-TN	1,762	1,807	1,806	1,901	4.51	4.43	1,776	4.52
MISS	2,539	2,785	2,781	2,996	5.11	5.21	2,709	5.24
NC	2,605	2,612	2,542	2,896	6.01	5.91	2,512	5.85
TEXAS	2,112	2,098	2,096	2,272	4.86	4.66	2,047	4.84
TOTAL	20,280	21,387	20,557	22,637	5.23	5.09	20,380	5.12
MON-WED	61,862	(A)					60,483	(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 13-Oct 99 is estimated to be 30,341,000 down 0.79 percent from a week ago and up 3.9 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,582,000; last year 29,193,000)

#### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH FRYERS	80-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	125-135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

#### **SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**

#### **DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK	91-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		149-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT -

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	10/16/99 (1)	10/09/99
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,477 (2)	154,056
LT HENS	1,684	1,859
HVY HENS	1,674	1,708
CHECK TOTAL	158,835	157,623

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Oct-99 is 148.5 million head compared to 151.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 8.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Oct-99 the estimated available is 148.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	<b>LBS</b>	<b>LBS</b>
AM 11-Oct-99	180,422	94,572
AM 1-Oct-99	183,153	95,290
CHG	-2,731	-718
PCT CHG	-1	-1

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT**

(IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	10/11/99	10/5/99	10/12/98	10/11/99	10/5/99	10/11/98
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	36,839	36,902	42,735	14,716	15,307	6,831
<b>LOS</b>						
<b>ANGELES</b>	912	935	673	5,800	5,809	2,395

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 10/12/99

	<b>LO</b>	<b>HI</b>	<b>AVG</b>		<b>LO</b>	<b>HI</b>	<b>AVG</b>
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	1.05	.76	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.10	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.25	.80	.68	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.25	.60	.35	BANTAMS ea.	.90	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	.50	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.95	1.35	1.12	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	3.00	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.30	1.25	.65	ROOSTERS ea.	-	1.00	-
GEESE lb.	.30	.45	.24	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.95	2.15	1.41	TURKEYS ea.	1.50	4.50	-
DUCKS lb.	.15	1.00	.62	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.10	.76	RABBITS ea.	1.75	3.00	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.50	3.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	7.00	10.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	2.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	7.50	-
SILKIES ea.	-	2.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-				

TOTAL COOPS 139

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 11, 1999.

		<b>RANGE</b>
<b>HENS</b>	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66-69

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending October 8, 1999

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	49.38	105.48	67.12	23.97	4.79	45.55
High	50.82	129.45	86.30	28.77	5.75	45.55
Mostly	49.86	124.66	76.71	23.97	5.75	45.55
<b>SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	50.34	91.10	59.93	19.18	4.32	47.94
High	52.26	110.27	69.52	26.37	7.19	47.94
Mostly	50.82	105.48	62.33	23.97	4.79	47.94
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>						
Low	49.38	110.27	71.92	19.18	4.79	43.15
High	50.82	124.66	86.30	28.77	5.75	43.15
Mostly	49.38	119.86	76.71	23.97	5.75	43.15
<b>BECERRA</b>						
Low	50.82	95.89	67.12	19.18	4.79	47.94
High	51.78	115.07	74.31	31.16	8.63	47.94
Mostly	51.78	100.68	71.92	26.37	7.19	47.94

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